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#### **REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed March 29, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and Applicants note with appreciation the identification of allowed subject matter.

By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claim 13 and amended claims 9, 11, 12, 14, 19 and 20. Claims 9-12 and 14-20 are pending in the application. Claims 9, 15 and 19 are independent.

The Examiner rejected claims 9-14, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As set forth herein, Applicants have amended claim 9 to clarify that the drive mechanisms include drive motors, and have amended claim 19 to clarify the circumference speed of the metering roller. Applicants have also amended claim 11 to clarify that what is being claimed is the glue application roller having its own individual drive. This further limits claim 9 in that claim 9 does not require that every roller have its own drive mechanism, only that the rollers are driven by drive mechanisms. Hence, according to claim 9, a single drive motor may be used to drive more than one roller if that single drive motor is assigned to more than one roller. Specifying that the glue application roller has its own individual drive motor, therefore, is further limiting of claim 9.

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In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,378,390 to Yoshida et al. ("Yoshida"). Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the Examiner rejected claim 12 as being unpatentable over Yoshida, and rejected claim 10 as being unpatentable over Yoshida in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,972,167 to Hayasaka et al. ("Hayasaka"). The Examiner objected to claims 13, 14 and 20 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but stated that 13, 14 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner further stated that claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 15-18 are allowed.

In addition to the amendments already discussed in connection with the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, Applicants have herein amended claim 9 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 13. Therefore, claim 9 as amended is in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's identification of allowable subject matter in claim 13. Claims 10-

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12 and 14 are also in condition for allowance as claims properly dependent on an allowable base claim and for the subject matter contained therein.

As already discussed, claim 19 has been amended to clarify the circumference speed of the metering roller and overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Thus, claim 19 is therefore in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's identification of allowable subject matter therein. Claim 20 is also in condition for allowance as a claim properly dependent on an allowable base claim and for the subject matter contained therein.

The foregoing amendments place the application into condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowed and allowable subject matter and thus are proper after Final Action. Entry thereof and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicants also request that the Examiner provide with the next communication a signed copy of the last Form PTO-1449, acknowledging consideration of the references as cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently with the previous Amendment on December 22, 2004.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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